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SUBJECT: GEORGE SESERIS CHAIR OF GREEK STUDIES

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1. DEAN ROSOVSKY, HARVARD, ADVISES THAT SELECTION PROCEDURE STILL IN EARLY STAGES. VARIOUS DEPARTMENT HEADS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO MAKE NOMINATIONS, WITH PROF. SEVCENKO OF CLASSICS DEPARTMENT PULLING TOGETHER NOMINATIONS IN FIELD OF HUMANITIES. WHEN NOMINATIONS RECEIVED, DEAN ROSOVSKY WILL CONSULT FURTHER WITH COLLEAGUES AND PRESIDENT BOK BEFORE MAKING FINAL SELECTION.

2. INAUGURATION DATE FOR CHAIR NOT SET AND IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT INITIALLY NO ONE WILL BE APPOINTED TO FILL CHAIR BUT THAT POSITION WILL BE FILLED BY SERIES OF VISITING PROFESSORS.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: ROSOVSKY AWARE OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES SURROUNDING APPOINTMENT AND AS RESULT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL PROBABLY NOT SELECT A GREEK TO FILL THE CHAIR SINCE

ANY SUCH SELECTION APPEARS TO BE POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE
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